Three months into his freshman year at Princeton, Charles Allen ’45 was in his dorm room, enjoying a radio broadcast of a football game between the New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers. Suddenly it was interrupted by a news report: The Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor. Stunned, he realized his life was about to change.

A member of ROTC, he eventually left campus for training and combat, serving as an officer in a field artillery battalion with the Illinois National Guard stationed in the Pacific. “Everybody of military age was desperately anxious to get in the service right away,” said Allen, a retired lawyer who lives in St. Louis, Missouri.

The war also disrupted Raymond Beagle ’47’s Princeton plans, delaying his scheduled arrival on campus for about three years. A talented football player from Kansas City studying at the University as a beneficiary of a charitable gift annuity, he had been admitted to Princeton and granted a leave of absence to serve his country.

The day before he left the United States to serve as commanding officer of a landing craft tank, Beagle was being issued a revolver and combat knife when someone rushed in with the news that an atomic bomb had been dropped on Hiroshima. Although that signaled the end of the war, many Japanese soldiers remained on islands in the Pacific. He was assigned to transport the troops who would defeat them.

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**Change Of Plans**

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**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

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**Year-End Tax-Wise Giving Tips**

There’s still time to support what you love and save on your taxes this year. Here are a few ideas:

1. **Maximize** a charitable gift’s impact by making the donation before December 31—you’ll get an income tax deduction AND will reduce the taxable portion of your estate.

2. **Consider** using appreciated securities or other property instead of cash for charitable gifts.

3. **Explore** setting up a charitable trust or gift annuity if you have appreciated securities that you want to diversify. By gifting stock to a charitable trust or annuity, you receive an income tax charitable deduction, reduce or defer capital gains tax on the sale of the stock—and receive quarterly payments. Any remaining funds go to Princeton after you (and/or a beneficiary) pass away.

4. **Make** a gift to Princeton through a charitable gift annuity if you are looking for fixed payments unaffected by the market. You’ll receive an initial tax deduction for a portion of your donation, reduce or defer capital gains taxes, and receive guaranteed payments for life.

5. **Give** directly from your IRA will not be subject to the distribution from your IRA will not be subject to the status of the IRA charitable rollover until year end, many experts believe it will be reinstated—if it is, the distribution from your IRA will not be subject to income tax.

*IRS limitations apply; consult with your financial advisor to see how these strategies may apply to your situation.

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**Renew Your commitment to future generations**

Charles Allen ’45 endowed a scholarship for classics majors. He was inspired by his father, Charles Allen, Class of 1915’s salutatorian, who tutored students in classics to work his way through college.

Raymond Beagle ’47 holds the certificate declaring he had been admitted to Princeton and granted a leave of absence to serve his country.

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**Yes, please send me information about checking all that apply**

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Our photographs are stored in “the cloud” instead of shoeboxes. Many of us have several e-mail accounts. We may use bitcoin for online shopping. How can we keep these digital assets secure for ourselves and our heirs?

Three experts—Edward W. Felten, center, Princeton’s Robert E. Kahn Professor of Computer Science and Public Affairs and the deputy chief technology officer at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; and nationally recognized trust and estate attorneys T. Randolph (Randy) Harris ’72, right, and Jennifer Jordan McCall ’78—offered these “action steps” at the Office of Gift Planning 2015 Reunions program, “Your Online Legacy: Estate Planning in the Digital Age.”

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